



Public Notice

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Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-CO-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

Public Notice No.
P-2416
Public Notice Date
January 13, 2005
Expiration Date
February 3, 2005

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: 200307800

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Michael Daily

APPLICANT: Mississippi River 4 wd-ATV O.H.V.N.F.P., 6208 Hwy 111, Granite City, Il. 62040, 636-441-6221

AGENT: Raymond R. Arthur, 6208 Hwy 111, Granite City, Il. 62040

LOCATION: The project area is located in Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 9 West, in Wood River, Madison County, Illinois.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks After the Fact authorization to develop an off road, 4 wheel drive recreational facility with designated trails, mud drag racing course, mud pit, mud alley and other support structures. This authorization should include authorization for impacts already incurred as the result of dredging and filling activities to construct portions of the trails, the pond, mud alley, mud pit and the mud drag strip. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) determined that the approximately 40 acre site consists of emergent and forested wetlands with adjacent riparian corridor habitats that are considered jurisdictional wetlands of the United States. These wetlands are located adjacent to the Mississippi River.

The applicant proposes to limit tree removal and direct impacts to a minimum by limiting schedules of operation, limiting the creation of new trails, required use of approximately 4,658 feet of 15 foot wide existing trails and restricting vehicle access to designated areas. In addition the applicant has indicated hill slopes, trails, crossings and other frequently utilized areas will be maintained in such a manner to restrict adverse erosion and in such a manner that these areas maybe periodically reconstructed. Impacts as reported by the applicant include: the previous filling of approximately 1.75 acres of the jurisdictional emergent wetlands to facilitate the development of the mud pit and drag racing course, and vehicular traffic over the mud alley and approximately .6 acre of impacts for the existing roads and trails (See Sheet No. 2). The applicant is aware that the 2.35 acres of unavoidable impacts requiring after the fact authorization (mud pit, pond and trails) shall be mitigated on a minimum of 1:5 : 1 ratio (3.5 acres).

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Sheets 1-5, attached.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Michael Daily, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8584. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8741 or by e-mail to Mike.Daily@mvs02.usace.army.mil.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: This public notice also provides documentation to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for water quality certification, or waiver thereof, for the proposed activity in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Certification or waiver indicates that IEPA believes the activity will not violate applicable water quality standards. The review by the IEPA is conducted in accordance with the Illinois water quality standards under 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C. The water quality standards provide for the IEPA to review individual projects by providing an antidegradation assessment, which includes an evaluation of alternatives to any proposed increase in pollutant loading that may result from this activity. The "Fact Sheet" containing the antidegradation assessment for this proposed project is found on the IEPA's web site, at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/. In the event that the IEPA is unable to publish the "Fact Sheet" corresponding to the timeframe of this Joint Public Notice, a separate public notice and "Fact Sheet" will be published by the IEPA at the web site identified above. You may also obtain a copy of the "Fact Sheet" by contacting the IEPA at the address or telephone number shown below. If you have any questions please contact the IEPA at (217) 782-3362.

Written comments specifically concerning possible impacts to water quality should be addressed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Watershed Management Section
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

A copy of all written comments should also be provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

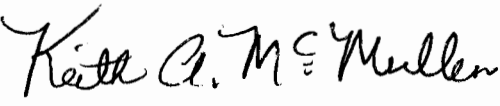
PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal. Any request for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for the hearing, and must be based on issues that would warrant additional public review.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the activity described, will be considered including the cumulative effects. Among factors considered are: conservation; economics; aesthetics; general environmental concerns; wetlands; historic properties; fish and wildlife values; flood hazards; flood plain values; land use; navigation; shoreline erosion and accretion; recreation; water supply and conservation; water quality; energy needs; safety; food and fiber production; mineral needs; consideration of property ownership; and in general the needs and welfare of the people.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.


for DANNY D. MCCLENDON
Chief, Regulatory Branch

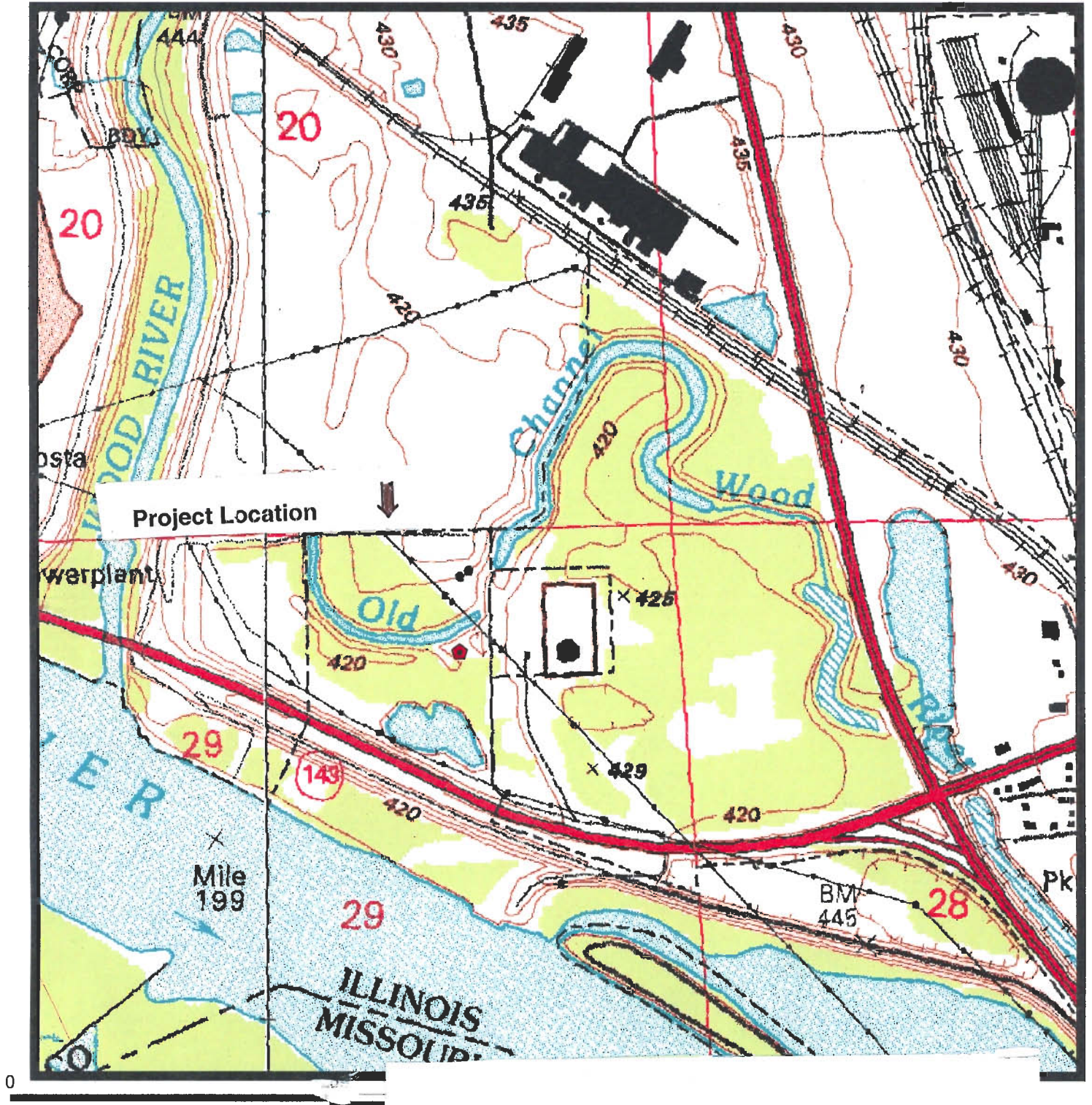
Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

Attachment: Sheet No. 1 – General Location Map
Attachment: Sheet No. 2 – Location Map and Site Layout Plan
Attachment: Sheet No. 3 – Ariel Photo / Location
Attachment: Sheet No. 4 – Applicant's General Mud Pit description
Attachment: Sheet No. 5 – Mud Drag Racing Design

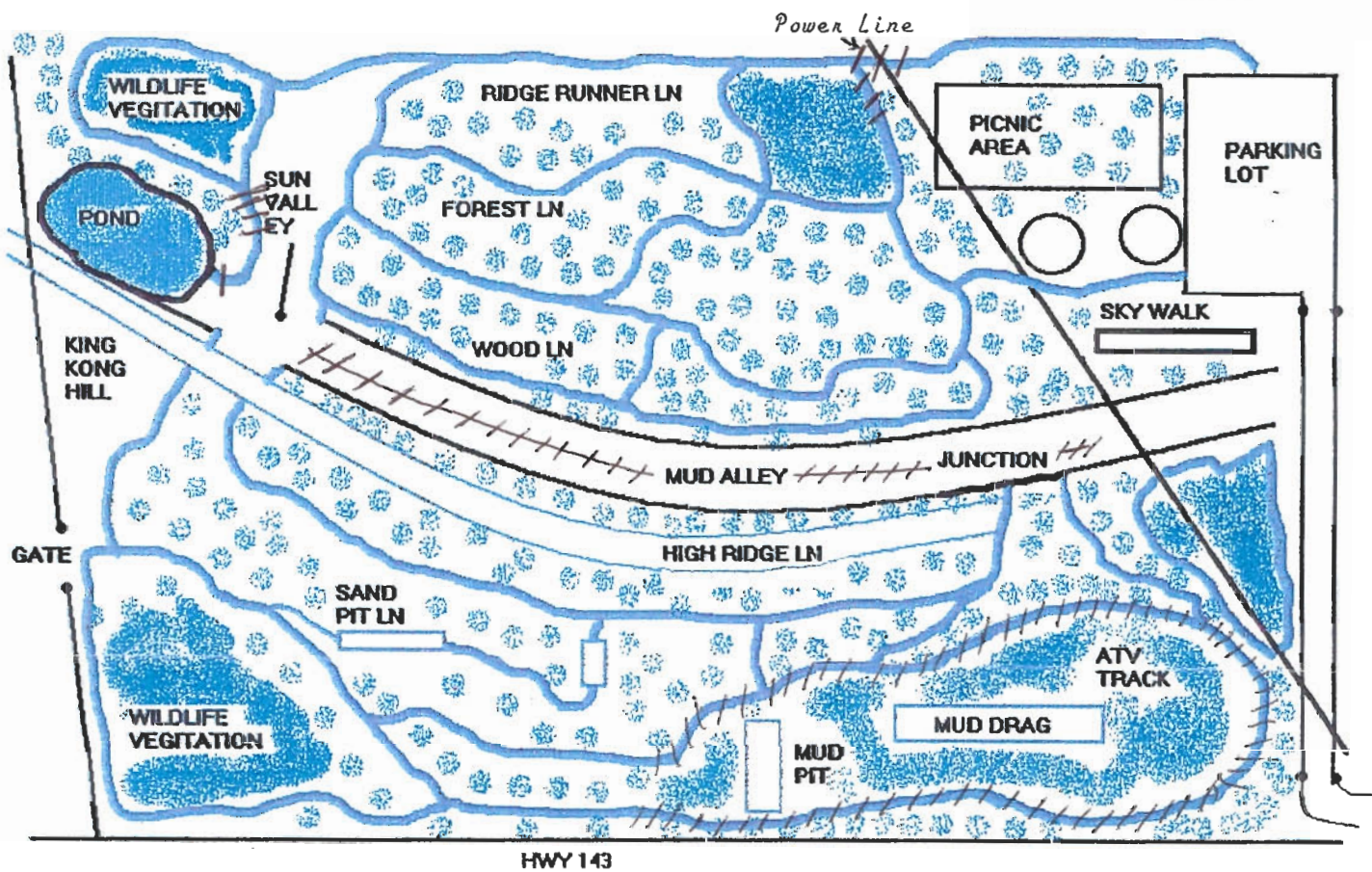
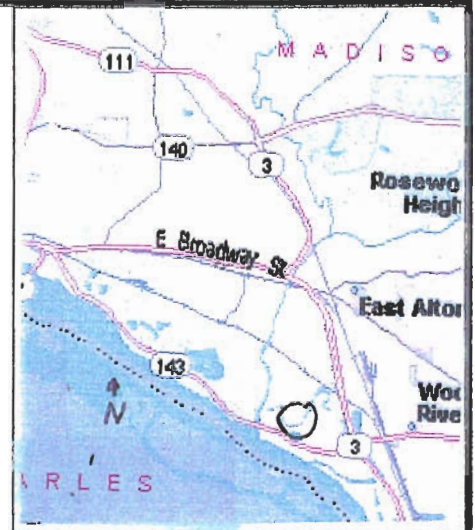
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Mississippi River 4 wd-ATV O.H.V.N.F.P.
Attachment: Sheet No. 1 Location Map

Made By: Godfrey

Section: 29
Township: 5 N
Range: 9 W
Meridian: Third Principal



1713' X 15' WIDE

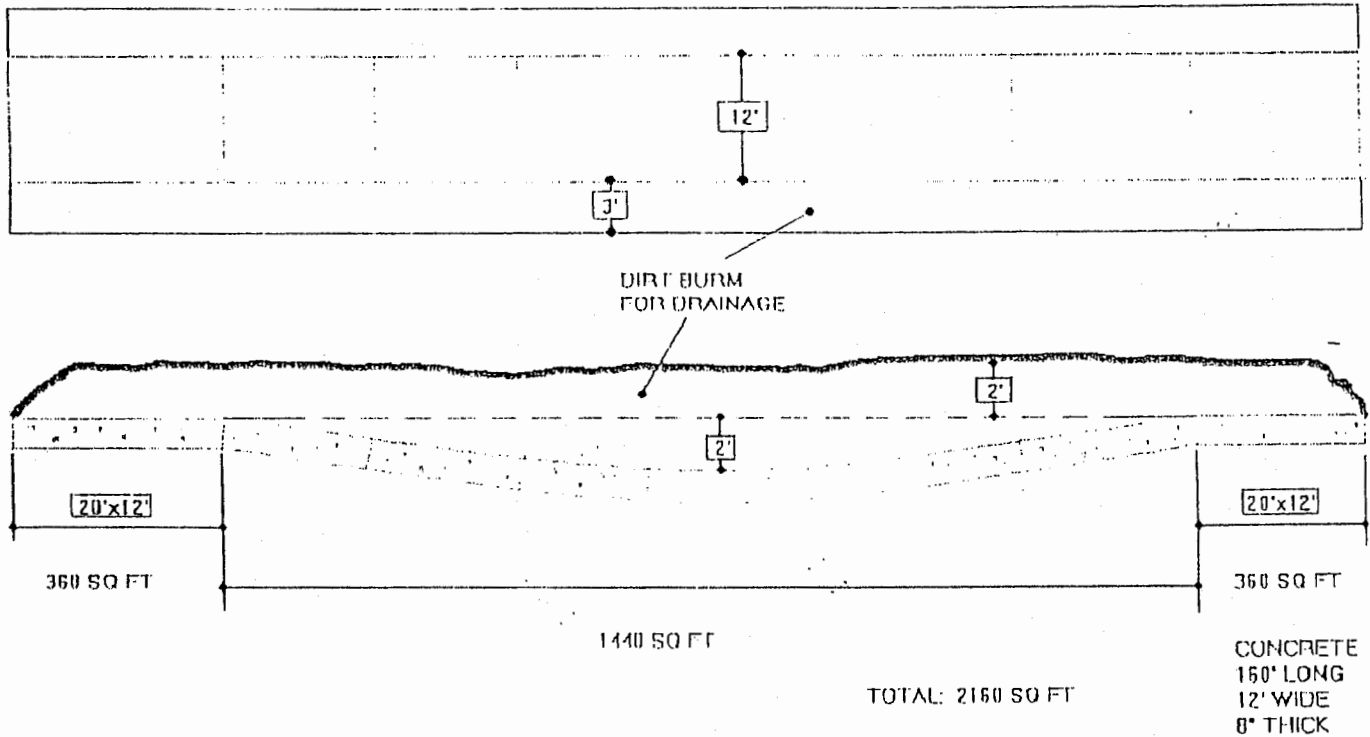
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Attachment: Sheet No. 2 Location Map and Site Layout Plan

An aerial photograph showing a wide river, likely the Mississippi River, flowing through a landscape. The river is dark and occupies the lower half of the image. To the right of the river, there is a developed area with several buildings, parking lots, and roads. A white rectangular label with the text "Project Location" and a black arrow points to a specific area on the riverbank, just above the developed area. The surrounding land is a mix of open fields, some trees, and infrastructure like roads and utility lines.

Project Location

Mississippi River 4 wd-ATV O.H.V.N.F.P.
Attachment: Sheet No. 3 Ariel Photo / Location

MUD PIT



Mississippi River 4 wd-ATV O.H.V.N.F.P.
Attachment: Sheet No. 4 Applicant's General Mud Pit description

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

*Mud Pit Designed
With Concrete Floor*

LOCATION:

*Mississippi River 4 wd-ATV
O.H.V. N.F.P. Park*

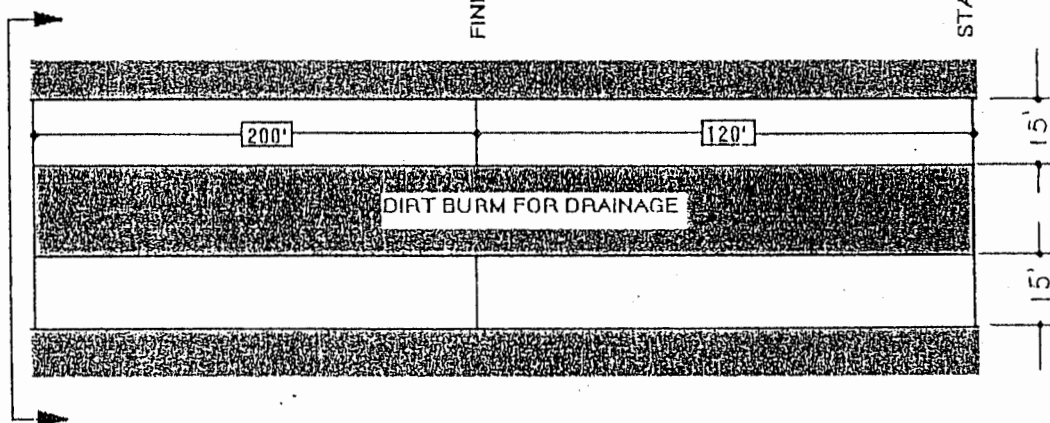
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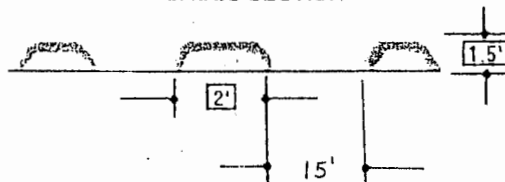
ALL DIRT
MUD DRAG STRIP

FINISH LINE

START LINE



CROSS SECTION



Mississippi River 4 wd-ATV O.H.V.N.F.P.
Attachment: Sheet No. 5 Mud Drag Racing Design

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mud Dragstrip 2 Lanes

LOCATION:

Mississippi River 4wd-ATV
O.H.V. N.F.P. Park